

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu
Subject: [208] 30m DX
Message-ID: <01I6I0W6HH0E8Y7BJJ@nova.wright.edu>

I heard 'em. I really did. I heard 'em this morning and this afternoon. But I didn't feel like fighting the pile-ups. There are moments when I just have to figure that some fine day I'll get on the air with a couple watts and do some QSOs to the other side of the world.

I guess it's the difference between silly point and just point. Either way I gotta watch I don't get a ball in the teeth. BUT I'd rather do it without pressing my luck. Maybe it's an inversely proportional ratio or something.

And, dammit, ESPN and ESPN2 still don't have cricket! What am I gonna have to do? Win the lottery?

And another thing: Am I missing something or are a lot of former Eastern Bloc callsigns showing up in Africa a lot recently? Back during the Soviet fiasco in Afghanistan, I noticed that a lot of so-called "Central Asian" chunks of the soviet hegemony suddenly had a couple hams on the air. Guys with names like Igor and Vlad. No Rishads or Mehments. Partisans need not apply, I guess.

Oh yeah: if I was bored to death I wouldn't have been able to post anything, would I?

73

Nils

WB8IJN +c

Maybe I should get up early tomorrow and see, as Chuck mentioned at Dayton, if 30 meters is open. Which it will be.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Stanley Wilson <microres@crl.com>
Subject: [215] BUYER "BEWARE"
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.960630103453.9912C-100000@crl13.crl.com>

Well ! still no book.

History: Book ordered with check for full amount May 5, 1996.

Response: NO BOOK... Three different reasons given via e-mail for non

shipment to date. This week will make over 60 days.

I think you owe me one authorgraphed book via Fed X at your expense and an apology for SUPER POOR service to date.

de stan AK0B

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: kd7s@psnw.com (Bill Jones)
Subject: [212] E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE
Message-ID: <199606302047.NAA08665@valleynet.com>

My Internet Service Provider has informed me that the they must change my e-mail address due to a copyright infringement problem.

My old e-mail address was/is kd7s@valleynet.com

Effective July 1, 1996, this will change to

kd7s@psnw.com

Sorry for the inconvenience

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Bill Jones - KD7S <><

Sanger, California

Reply to kd7s@psnw.com

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From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: "j.w. thornton" <dub@oklahoma.net>
Subject: [214] Paddles (Brown Bros)
Message-ID: <199606301256.HAA10051@dns.okc>

Somewhere I read a bit of the history of the Brown Brothers Paddles. Memory being what it is, this may not be totally accurate, but is the general gist of it.

The Brown Bros Paddle was originally made in a machine shop in St Louis, Mo. Some of the parts were common everyday parts. Ie: the screws that went thru the top of the arch to hold the paddles in a vertical position were common

10-32 RH machine screws with plain hex nuts for lock nuts. Other hardware was special made, with knurled heads, etc. This was a Father & Son or Sons operation & upon the death of the father, the shop was closed. (I think, at least the paddles were no longer made.) The shop was reopened by the son or sons and a paddle of somewhat similar, but more modern & streamlined looking design was reproduced, still known by the name Brown Brothers Paddle. This paddle never had the feel of the original (to me), and the shop was again closed & paddles discontinued.

I think there were two "copies" of the Brown Brothers paddles made. One was the Hamkey, & cant recall the name of the other. Both resembled the later model of the Brown Brothers.

Others with better memory or info may be able to correct any inaccuracies.

"72"

J. W. (Dub) Thornton WA5YFY
Minco, Ok.

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Russ1031@aol.com
Subject: [216] Photos For the Volcano Adventure Are Now on the Web
Message-ID: <960630203223_228329687@emout19.mail.aol.com>

We've uploaded a portfolio of photos for AA7QU's Field Day backpacking adventure to the top of a volcano. You can find them at the Adventure Radio Society URL: <http://members.aol.com/adradio/index.html>. You can go straight to the portfolio with this URL:
<http://members.aol.com/adradio/imagefldr/volidx.html>.

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, McKenzie River, Oregon

From owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Randy McCammack <rmccammack@wico.net>
Subject: [217] Proplems
Message-ID: <MAPI.Id.0016.006d6363616d6d614133464330303030@MAPI.to.RFC822>

The people next door have a CB radio set-up. When he is using it we can =
hear him key his mike every time over our phones,TV, computer. We have =

even heard his conversation while we are trying to talk on the phone. We =
have also heard him when the TV or radio is off. We have mentioned the =

problem to and he says he isn't using any extra booster. Could this be =
true?

We use to have a tape player on at night put in the wee hours he comes =
across it like he is in the room. VERY ANNOYING.

If you have any sugesstions on what can be done to help us out please let=
us know

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Randy

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Ron Giuntini <rong@slip.net>
Subject: [209] T Kit 9 Band Receiver
Message-ID: <E0uaFPs-0006St-00@mouse.slip.net>

Has anyone built one of these? Or interested in building one? Let me know
what you think about this receiver as a station accessory and/or SWL radio.
Thanks.

KB6GK Ron
San Francisco

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Floyd Soo <hires@rust.net>
Subject: [210] USECA MEGA Field Day Initial Report
Message-ID: <31D64FA3.5777@rust.net>

Gang,

This is my 4th attempt at getting my report of the USECA Field Day to the
QRP-L group. I think I may have a problem at my end, but here goes
anyway...

As most of you know, the Utica Shelby Emergency Communications Assn
(USECA) has been known for putting on the largest Field Days in NA when
it comes to visitors to our site. At times, we have had close to 400
people sign-in on our guest register. We are also well known for our
hospitality and the fact that nobody leaves our FD site hungry! When it
comes to food, NOBODY EVEN COMES CLOSE! We welcome all with open arms,
and almost all of the visitors bring a dish-to-pass. We have supplied
the roast pigs in the past and the last 2 years, we have supplied several

hundred sirloin steaks and large homebrew charcoal grills so everyone can grill their steaks as they like. The side dishes, desserts, snacks, etc are plentiful and last all weekend!

Anyway, back to FD. USECA has been knocking on the door of placing in the Top 10 overall in NA for several years running without really trying.

So, in 1994, the club made a concerted effort to get into the Top 10, which we accomplished by placing 8th. Just to prove to ourselves that it wasn't a fluke, we did exactly the same thing last year, placing 8th overall again! We were talking at the end of last year's FD about doing something a little different, and QRP came up as one of the suggestions.

At first, the idea was poo-pooed, but after more discussion, it became a viable option. The thought of no gensets making noise and EMI, the lessened chance of interfering with other stations in the FD site, and those multipliers! It took a while for it to sink in, but we finally came to the realization that if we were able to make half the contacts of last year, we would attain a much higher score running QRP! It was decided, we would commit to a full blown QRP, battery FD!

It took some convincing at first, there were many skeptics, but after a while, most all of the club decided that it was worth a try. We paid attention to the same details that we did the last couple of years and the suggestions from some of you! Most were in agreement that high performance antennas, low loss feedlines, plenty of food and drink, and sufficient ops to make it through the night without any down time for key stations; were the main points to pay attention to. That's just what we did, and it may have paid off!

I will pass along the details of each station with regard to rigs, antennas, and the like; when I receive the final report. Also, the final tally of points should be available soon, and I will pass that along when it is made available too.

Normally, set up begins late Friday afternoon. We then have a Bar-B-Q and then the all ham band "QRM" plays classic rock and roll into the wee hours of the night. All that went pretty well until a very strong storm front came through the area immediately to the north of the FD site in Romeo, Michigan. If you didn't see it in the news, the historical town of Frankenmuth, was heavily damaged by tornados, and some areas just to the north of us received 5" of rain or so in an hours time! Luckily, the severe WX just missed us. We did get rain, but not like they did to the north.

Saturday AM was glorious! Both Saturday and Sunday were PERFECT for FD!

Temps were in the 70s with a little breeze to keep the bugs at bay and keep the area cool. Set-up continued on Sat AM, with Breakfast and Lunch being served at the appropriate times of day. At 2 PM, the contest started. At 5PM the great steak-in began! What a feast! We weren't

proud, we just pigged out!

The contest continued into the evening with most stations staying on the air all thru the night, especially the big point getters, like 20, 40 and 80 CW and phone. Dawn Sunday was beautiful! We were visited by a hot air balloon at antenna top level just after dawn! Breakfast was great as usual, and the contest continued in earnest. Sunday was another gorgeous day! After lunch was served (steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs along with all the fixin's...yum!), the contest continued until 2 PM. Tear down went on without a hitch, and all of a sudden, it was over again for another year! Virtually evryone that participated learned a lesson or three! What a fabulous learning experience this FD was! Everyone was so excited about what happened that weekend, that our repeater has been buzzing with QRP FD activity since then!

Some of the lessons learned: Running QRP power levels placed the phone ops at a much greater disadvantage than the CW ops. Going from 18 or 19 generators to 1 this year made it so quiet, that people are calling for another QRP FD for that reason alone! It IS possible to hold a frequency with 5 watts! (for a short while, anyway) One good deep cycle battery was sufficient to run most state of the art rigs at QRP power levels for 24 hours. We worked anybody we could hear, even though it may have taken more calls than we were used to. The lack of noise and interference was great! FD was still fun, even though we didn't make as many contacts as the last couple of years.

I will pass some initial numbers and info at this time, just because there are many of you that are curious. We ended up running 16A, QRP-battery. Our original plans were to run 17A, but a death in the family of one of our station chairpersons precluded him from participating. So, 16A it was! With a couple of stations still not accounted for, we have about 12,500 points before any bonus points! 40 CW led the QSO count with 346, good for 3.460 points. All but one phone station did not achieve their point totals from last year. I believe that all of the CW stations equalled, and many bettered last year's scores.

Most interesting antenna was the vertical 160 meter delta loop that was supported by surplus WX balloons! The upper 2 corners of the delta were balloon supported and the feedpoint was the bottom corner of the delta. It stayed up all night and worked pretty well! The 160 CW station also had a 300' end fired wire supported by a kit all day Saturday! The 80 CW station boasted a PAIR, count 'em, TWO, 1/4 wave verticals that were phased. They also had a dipole too. The 40 phone station used 5 sloping dipoles equally spaced around a 70' support. This antenna was steerable using a relay box and 1/4 wave feeders. The 40 CW station used a caged dipole supported at one end by a tree, and at the other end by a 43' vertical. The bottom 33' or so was made up of 4" aluminum irrigation

tubing and was loaded up as a vertical. These 2 antennas worked great! There were also the usual assortment of 3 ele yagis, dipoles and verticals.

Anyway, that's it for now. I will post more info as I receive it from my station chairs.

72,
Floyd Soo, KF8AT
QRP-L #392
President, USECA

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: Ricahrd Wilkerson <richqrp@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [213] website
Message-ID: <31D6DD97.19F@worldnet.att.net>

Please give this one a try...<http://www.fix.net/~jparkar/website1.html>
72's rich

From owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU Mon Jul 1 08:36:12 1996
From: "Phil Sikes" <psikes@whidbey.net>
Subject: [211] re paddles
Message-ID: <199606300745.AAA14178@islander.whidbey.net>

I agree with everything Nils said... about the Brown Bros. paddles that is. Seems the rest of it was like trying to decode Amtor by ear! I do also like the Vibroplex iambic paddles and my Nye Viking paddles, but most of all I like my bugs!

72 - Phil
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